

Art Unit: 2655

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- An intermediate language analysis unit 201 analyzes a character sequence for the input intermediate language to ~~determined~~ determine a word boundary from the breath group and word end symbols put on the intermediate language and the mora (syllable) position of an accent nuclear from the accent symbol. The "breath group" means a unit of utterance made in a breath. The "accent nuclear" means the position at which the accent falls. A word with the accent nuclear at the first mora is called "accent type one word", a word with the accent nuclear at the n-th mora is called "accent type n word" and, generally, it is called "accent type uneven word". Conversely, a word with no accent nuclear, such as "shinbun" or "pasocon", is called "accent type 0" or "accent type flat" word. The information about such prosody is transmitted to a pitch contour determination unit 202, a phoneme duration determination unit 203, a phoneme power determination unit 204, a voice segment determination unit 205, and a sound quality coefficient determination unit 206, respectively. --